

House Resolution No. 4586

Whereas, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize an outstanding Missouri citizen who has distinguished himself through many years of excellence in the workplace; and

Whereas, Dave G. Ruf, Jr., an esteemed resident of the Kansas City area is retiring from Burns & McDonnell after forty-three years of exceptional service and dedication; and

Whereas, Dave Ruf has successfully completed the many duties and tasks placed before him since accepting the role of Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board of Directors at Burns & McDonnell in 1993, prior to which time he served as President from 1984 to 1993; and

Whereas, Dave Ruf earned his degree in civil engineering from the University of Kansas in 1960 and immediately began his engineering career at Burns & McDonnell, which has been headquartered in Kansas City, Missouri, for more than 105 years; and

Whereas, Dave Ruf led a team of officers at Burns & McDonnell who bought back the firm from Armco Steel and established an Employee Stock Ownership Plan, placing ownership of the firm into the hands of its many fine employees; and

Whereas, a founding member of the Construction Industry Round Table, Dave Ruf has compiled an enviable list of service to such important organizations as the Missouri Society of Professional Engineers - Western Chapter, the American Council of Engineering Companies of Missouri, the National Society of Professional Engineers, Professional Engineers in Private Practice, American Water Works Association, Society of American Military Engineers, Water Environment Federation, Society for Marketing Professional Services, and the American Society of Civil Engineers, of which he is a Fellow; and

Whereas, Dave Ruf's other affiliations include the Missouri Chamber of Commerce, United Missouri Bank, the Hawthorn Foundation, Midwest Research Institute, the Liberty Memorial Board of Trustees, the American Royal Board of Governors, the Nelson Gallery Business Council, and the Civic Council of Greater Kansas City:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in expressing our utmost appreciation to Dave Ruf for his forty-three years of unparalleled service to Burns & McDonnell, and in wishing him the long, enjoyable retirement he so richly deserves; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Dave G. Ruf, Jr.

Offered by _____
Representative Cathy Jolly
District No. 45

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 4586, adopted November 5, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker